

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A polarizing member comprising:

an absorption type polarizing film; and

one polymer material layer or two or more polymer material

5 layers provided on one or both of opposite surfaces of said

absorption type polarizing film, wherein each polymer material

layer does not have any extraordinary refractive index area with

a length not smaller than 20  $\mu\text{m}$  and does not have two or more

extraordinary refractive index areas with a length of from 0.5

10 to 20  $\mu\text{m}$  in a region of 50  $\mu\text{m}$ -radius.

2. A polarizing member according to claim 1, wherein

each polymer material layer is one member selected from the group

consisting of a transparent protective layer, an adhesive layer,

15 and an optically compensating layer.

3. An optical member comprising a laminate at least

including a polarizing member defined in claim 1, and a reflection

type polarizing plate.

4. An optical member according to claim 3, wherein said

reflection type polarizing plate transmits linearly polarized

light with a predetermined axis of polarization while reflecting

residual light.

5. An optical member according to claim 3, wherein a retarder plate is provided between said polarizing member and said reflection type polarizing plate, said retarder plate being constituted by one retardation layer or two or more retardation layers.

6. An optical member according to claim 3, wherein said reflection type polarizing plate is made of a cholesteric liquid-crystal layer or said retarder plate is made of a quarter-wave plate.

7. A liquid-crystal display device comprising a polarizing member defined in claim 1, and a liquid-crystal cell, wherein said polarizing member is disposed on one or both of opposite sides of said liquid-crystal cell.

8. A liquid-crystal display device comprising an optical member defined in claim 3, and a liquid-crystal cell, wherein said optical member is disposed on one or both of opposite sides of said liquid-crystal cell.